Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, A large emigration of Dane and German settlers came to South Dakota to homestead in the late 1870s and 1880s; and,

WHEREAS, These Dane and German homesteaders, including Crampton, Schoenfelder, Shurz, Fergen, Craig, Puetz, Schmitz, Grosz, Nutziger, Zeier, Hoffman, Tobin, Weepie, Heck, Freidel, Bauer, Degen, Erpenbach, Oster and Hohn families, brought with them strong fortitude, an industrious nature and Christian beliefs; and,

WHEREAS, These settlers, because of their determination and Christian fortitude, erected the first Catholic church south of main street in Ethan; and,

WHEREAS, The parish was reorganized in 1904 and a new white wood church was constructed at the present location; and,

WHEREAS, The present brick Holy Trinity Church was erected and dedicated on July 1, 1962, due to the Christian values, dedication and the desire of the Catholic members to have their own church because the white wooden structure was destroyed by fire in 1960; and,

WHEREAS, On May 21, 1989, the parish of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Ethan, South Dakota, will mark their one hundredth anniversary in the Christian faith, along with the citizens of South Dakota who are celebrating our state's centennial:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 1989, as

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota, and I send greetings from the citizens of South Dakota to the past and present members of Holy Trinity Catholic parish of Ethan, South Dakota, on their one hundredth anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE